

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS:

Claim 1 and 5 have been amended. Claims 2 and 3 have been cancelled. Claim 12 was previously cancelled. Claim 13 has been added.

Claims 1, 2, 8 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,308,831 to Saxe et al. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

U.S. Patent No. 6,308,831 to Saxe et al. discloses a container and kit for protection and display of collectible items.

In contra distinction, claim 1 as amended, claims an encasement system having a transparent top section having an integral cavity defined therein and a receiving channel having a keyway and a bottom section having an integral cavity defined therein and a mating shoulder having a key. Saxe et al. does not disclose, teach, suggest or anticipate the present invention of claim 1, as amended. Specifically, Saxe et al. does not disclose a transparent top section having an integral cavity defined therein and a receiving channel having a keyway. Furthermore, Saxe et al. does not disclose a bottom section having an integral cavity defined therein and a mating shoulder having a key. Saxe et al appears to describe only a receiving channel and mating shoulder. Nowhere does Saxe et al. disclose, teach or even suggest the use of a key or key way used on the receiving channel and mating shoulder. Hence, it is respectfully submitted that Saxe et al. '101 fails to disclose all of the limitations claimed by applicant in claim 1, as amended. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1, as amended, and the claims dependant therefrom, overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and are allowable over this rejection.

Claim 2 has been cancelled.

Claims 8 and 10 depend from claim 1. Claim 8 includes the additional limitation of a bottom section being transparent for allowing viewing of both sides of the display article or

double display article display and claim 10 includes the additional limitation of the transparent top section and the bottom section are of a sufficient thickness to allow said encasement system when operational to stand alone either in a portrait or landscape orientation.

Saxe et al. does not disclose, teach or anticipate the present invention of claims 8 and 10. Claims 8 and 10 are allowable over the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 for the same reasons stated above for independent claims 1.

Claims 3-7 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,308,831 to Saxe et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,183,160 to Broderson. Applicant respectfully traverse these rejections.

Claim 3 has been cancelled.

Claims 4-7 and 9 depend from claim 1 and necessarily include all the limitations of claim 1. Claim 4 includes the additional limitation of the transparent top section and bottom section being made from an acrylic substrate. Claim 5 has been amended to depend from claim 1 and includes the additional limitation of the transparent top section and bottom section being made from an ultraviolet protectant acrylic substrate capable of filtering at least 90% of ultraviolet light. There is nothing to teach or suggest that the Saxe et al and Broderson patents should be combined. Even if so combined, the combination does not reach the claimed invention. An ultraviolet protectant acrylic substrate capable of filtering at least 90% of ultraviolet light is not disclosed in either reference. In addition, nowhere does Saxe et al. or Broderson disclose, teach or even suggest the use of a key or key way used on the receiving channel and mating shoulder. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection to claims 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(b) be withdrawn and the claims are allowable over this rejection.

Claim 6 includes the additional limitation of the silicone seal disposed between said transparent top section and said bottom section for further sealing said display article cavity from the environment. Claim 7 includes the additional limitation of the ultraviolet adhesive disposed between the transparent top section and the bottom section for permanently sealing the display article cavity from the environment. It is reiterated that there is nothing to teach or suggest that the Saxe et al and Broderon patents should be combined. Even if so combined, the combination does not reach the claimed invention. An ultraviolet adhesive is not disclosed in either reference. In addition, nowhere does Saxe et al. or Broderon disclose, teach or even suggest the use of a key or key way used on the receiving channel and mating shoulder. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection to claims 6 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(b) be withdrawn and the claims are allowable over this rejection.

Claim 9 depends from claim 5 which depends from claim 1 and includes the additional limitation of an ultraviolet adhesive disposed between the transparent top section and the bottom section for permanently sealing said display article cavity from the environment. Claim 11 depends from claim 9 and further includes the limitation of a inert gas sealed within the display article cavity. For the reasons stated above with respect to claim 5 and 1, it is respectfully requested that the rejection to claims 9 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(b) be withdrawn and the claims are allowable over this rejection

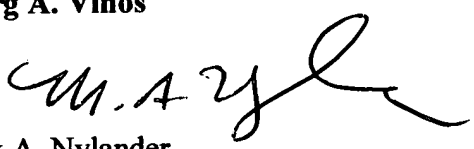
Claim 13 has been added.

If applicant can be of any further assistance or provide any other information in the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at 810-606-8564.

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